

§329.2. Licensure by Examination – Adopted to be effective 5/23/2016

Summary of Amendment: The amendment is adopted to enable an applicant who has reached the 6-time lifetime limit or 2 very low scores on the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) a means of requesting that the Board submit an appeal on their behalf to the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT).

§329.2. Licensure by Examination.

(a) Requirements. An applicant applying for licensure by examination must:

- (1) meet the requirements as stated in §329.1 of this title (relating to General Licensure Requirements and Procedures);
- (2) register to take the national exam through this state, and have the first score report sent to this state; and
- (3) pass the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE) for physical therapists or physical therapist assistants with the score set by the board. Score reports must be sent directly to the board by the authorized score reporting service.

(b) Re-examination.

- (1) An applicant who fails the exam is eligible to take the examination again after submitting a re-exam application and fee.
- (2) An applicant can take the exam a maximum of six (6) times.
- (3) An applicant who receives two (2) very low scores on the exam (scale scores 400 or below) will not be eligible to test again.
- (4) An applicant who has taken the exam six (6) times or received two (2) very low scores may appeal for one (1) additional attempt through the Board for reasons as set in policy by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT).
- (5) (4) An applicant can take the exam for PTs six (6) times and also take the exam for PTAs six (6) times if otherwise eligible to do so.

(c) – (d) (No change)